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County of Nevada, State of Calif. The undersigned, Lee Anna Strandberg, being the principal clerk of the Nevada County Publishing Co. declares that the Nevada County Publishing Co. now is, and during all times herein named, was a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and now is, and during all times herein named was the printer of

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Signed:

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LEGAL NOTICE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT Pacific Gas and Electric Company Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project Draft Environmental Assessment

United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Yuba River Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest Nevada County, California

The United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service is welcoming comments on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The project involves construction activities at Lake Fordyce Dam to mitigate water seepage through the dam and improvements to the only access road between Hampshire Rocks Road and Lake Fordyce Dam to enable construction vehicles and equipment to access the dam. Some improvements would occur on Forest Service roads, and PG&E has submitted an application to the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) for a special use permit (SUP) to improve the roads that are part of the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS). The TNF proposes to issue a SUP to PG&E to authorize improvements to the NFTS roads.

The project area is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Soda Springs, California, and approximately 15.5 miles west-northwest of Truckee, California. The project area includes lands owned by PG&E (the dam and area surrounding Lake Fordyce), the Forest Service (segments of the access roads), and other private owners (segments of the access roads). Between Hampshire Rocks Road and Lake Fordyce Dam, the access roads that need to be improved include Rattlesnake Road, also known as Forest Road 85, Forest Road 85 02, and 85 02 01. Forest Road 85 02 and 85 02 01 are known as "Lake Fordyce Road". Segments of Rattlesnake Road and Lake Fordyce Road are within the NFTS. Activities that would be authorized under the SUP by the Forest Service would occur in Nevada County in Section 20 of Township 17N, Range 13E; section 16 of Township 17N, Range 13E; and Section 10 of Township 17N, Range 13E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The EA is available online for public review and comment at the following website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56921. The opportunity to comment on the EA will end 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in The Union newspaper.

Please submit written comments to: Sonja Lin, District Ranger, Care of Bill Martin at AECOM, 300 Lakeside Drive, Suite 400, Oakland, CA 94601. The office business hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtt), or Word (.doc) to bill.h.martin@aecom.com or by mail to Sonja Lin, C/O Bill Martin at the address above.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during the public comment period are eligible to file an objection pursuant to 36 CFR §218.25. For objection eligibility, each individual or entity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. For more information about the proposed project, please contact Heather Newell at heather.newell@usda.gov or at 530-559-3197.

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